

City of Lakota

TITLE VI NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ensures that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination, including sex, age, disability, low-income, or LEP discrimination, under any program or activity for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 clarified the original intent of Congress, with respect to Title VI and other Non-discrimination requirements (The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) by restoring the broad, institutional-wide scope and coverage of these non-discrimination statutes and requirements to include all programs and activities of the Recipient, so long as any portion of the program is Federally-assisted.

The city of Lakota is a Federally recognized political subdivision of the State of North Dakota. It is the policy of the district to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all related statutes or regulation in all programs and activities.

I, Brad Hooey, am personally committed to and in support of taking all steps to ensure that no person or groups of persons shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, low-income or LEP discrimination; be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs, services or activities administered by the district.

The City Auditor for Lakota Amie Vasichek is appointed as the Title VI Coordinator. The Title VI Coordinator is granted the authority to administer and monitor the Title VI and Nondiscrimination Program as promulgated under the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and any subsequent legislation. The Title VI Specialist will provide assistance as needed.

The city of Lakota recognizes the need and will provide Title VI training for pertinent personnel.

Anyone who believes that he or she has been discriminated against would contact the Title VI Coordinator at 701-247-2454 or lakotact@polarcomm.com.

City of Lakota


Brad Hooey, Mayor


Date

**The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Standard Title VI/
Non-Discrimination Assurances
DOT Order No. 1050.2A**

The *city of Lakota* herein referred to as the "Sub-Recipient"), HEREBY AGREES THAT, as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), through the Federal Highway Administration, is subject to and will comply with the following:

Statutory/Regulatory Authorities

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 C.F.R. Part 21 (entitled Non-discrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation-Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act Of 1964);
- 28 C.F. R. section 50.3 (U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964);

The preceding statutory and regulatory cites hereinafter are referred to as the "Acts" and "Regulations," respectively.

General Assurances

In accordance with the Acts, the Regulations, and other pertinent directives, circulars, policy, memoranda, and/or guidance, the Sub-Recipient hereby gives assurance that it will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that:

"No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity, for which the Sub-Recipient receives Federal financial assistance from DOT, including the Federal Highway Administration.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 clarified the original intent of Congress, with respect to Title VI and other Non-discrimination requirements (The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), by restoring the broad, institutional-wide scope and coverage of these non-discrimination statutes and requirements to include all programs and activities of the Sub-Recipient, so long as any portion of the program is Federally assisted.

Specific Assurances

More specifically, and without limiting the above general Assurance, the Sub-Recipient agrees with and gives the following Assurances with respect to its Federally assisted Recreational Trails Program:

1. The Sub-Recipient agrees that each "activity," "facility," or "program," as defined in §§ 21.23(b) and 21.23(e) of 49 C.F.R. § 21 will be (with regard to an "activity") facilitated, or will be (with regard to a regard to a "facility") operated, or will be (with regard to a "program") conducted in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to the Acts and the Regulations.

2. The Sub-Recipient will insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests for Proposals for work, or material subject to the Acts and the Regulations made in connection with all Recreational Trails Program and, in adapted form, in all proposals for negotiated agreements regardless of funding source:

"The **city of Lakota** in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award."

3. The Sub-Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix A and E of this Assurance in every contract or agreement subject to the Acts and the Regulations.
4. The Sub-Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix B of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a Sub-Recipient.
5. That where the Sub-Recipient receives Federal financial assistance to construct a facility, or part of a facility, the Assurance will extend to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.
6. That where the Sub-Recipient receives Federal financial assistance in the form, or for the acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, the Assurance will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.
7. That the Sub-Recipient will include the clauses set forth in Appendix C and Appendix D of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, licenses, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the Sub-Recipient with other parties:
 - a. for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and
 - b. for the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program.
8. That this Assurance obligates the Sub-Recipient for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of, personal property, or real property, or interest therein, or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the Assurance obligates the Sub-Recipient, or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:
 - a. the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits; or
 - b. the period during which the Sub-Recipient retains ownership or possession of the property.


9. The Sub-Recipient will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom he/she delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.
10. The Sub-Recipient agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

By signing this ASSURANCE, the **city of Lakota** also agrees to comply (and require any sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, successors, transferees, and/or assignees to comply) with all applicable provisions governing the Federal Highway Administration's access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. You also recognize that you must comply with any program or compliance reviews, and/or complaint investigations conducted by the Federal Highway Administration. You must keep records, reports, and submit the material for review upon request to Federal Highway Administration, or its designee in a timely, complete, and accurate way. Additionally, you must comply with all other reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

The **city of Lakota** gives this ASSURANCE in consideration of and for obtaining any Federal grants, loans, contracts, agreements, property, and/or discounts, or other Federal -aid and Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the sub-recipients by the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Recreational Trails Program. This ASSURANCE is binding on the **city of Lakota**, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors and their subcontractors', transferees, successors in interest, and any other participants in the Recreational Trails Program. The person(s) signing below is authorized to sign this ASSURANCE on behalf of the Sub-Recipient.



Brad Hooley, Mayor



Date

APPENDIX A

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination in Federally -assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Non-discrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.
3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non- discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Sub-Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the Sub-Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Sub-Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
 - b. cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.

6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Sub-Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contract or becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontract or, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Sub-Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Sub-Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

APPENDIX B

CLAUSES FOR DEEDS TRANSFERRING UNITED STATES PROPERTY

The following clauses will be included in deeds effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or granting interest therein from the United States pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 4:

NOW, THEREFORE, the U.S. Department of Transportation as authorized by law and upon the condition that the **city of Lakota** will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon in accordance with Title 23, United States Code, the Regulations for the Administration of the Recreational Trails Program, and the policies and procedures prescribed by the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance and in compliance with all requirements imposed by Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation pertaining to and effectuating the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. § 2000d to 2000d-4), does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey unto the **city of Lakota** all the right, title and interest of the U.S. Department of Transportation in and to said lands described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(HABENDUM CLAUSE)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said lands and interests therein unto the **city of Lakota** and its successors forever, subject, however, to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations herein contained as follows, which will remain in effect for the period during which the real property or structures are used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits and will be binding on the **city of Lakota** its successors and assigns.

The **city of Lakota** in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interests in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person will on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with regard to any facility located wholly or in part on, over, or under such lands hereby conveyed [,] [and] * (2) that the **city of Lakota** will use the lands and interests in lands and interests in lands so conveyed, in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally -assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended [, and (3) that in the event of breach of any of the above-mentioned non-discrimination conditions, the Department will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said land, and that above described land and facilities will thereon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the U.S. Department of Transportation and its assigns as such interest existed prior to this instruction]. *

(* Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in

APPENDIX C

CLAUSES FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED OR IMPROVED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY, OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the **city of Lakota** pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(a):

- A. The (grantee, lessee, permittee, etc. as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree [in the case of deeds and leases add "as a covenant running with the land"] that:
1. In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a U.S. Department of Transportation activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.
- B. With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the **city of Lakota** will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued. *
- C. With respect to a deed, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the **city of Lakota** will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities will thereupon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of **city of Lakota** and its assigns. *

(* Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX D

CLAUSES FOR CONSTRUCTION/USE/ACCESS TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, permits, or similar instruments/elements entered into by the *city of Lakota* pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(b):

- A. The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree (in the case of deeds and leases add, "as a covenant running with the land") that (1) no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities, (2) that in the construction of any improvements on, over, or under such land, and the furnishing of services thereon, no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Acts and Regulations, as amended, set forth in this Assurance.
- B. With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.), in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the *city of Lakota* will have the right to terminate the (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued. *
- C. With respect to deeds, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, *city of Lakota* will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of *city of Lakota* and its assigns.*

(* Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX E

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et se q., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC§ 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987,(PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123)(prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures Non-discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations.
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of Limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

Limited English Proficiency Plan
City of Lakota

TITLE VI COORDINATOR
Amie Vasichek, City Auditor, City of Lakota

INTRODUCTION

This *Limited English Proficiency Plan* has been prepared to address the City of Lakota responsibilities as a recipient of federal financial assistance as they relate to the needs of individuals with limited English proficiency language skills. The plan has been prepared in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, et seq., and its implementing regulations, which state that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin.

Executive Order 13166, titled *Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency*, indicates that differing treatment based upon a person's inability to speak, read, write or understand English is a type of national origin discrimination. It directs each agency to publish guidance for its respective recipients clarifying their obligation to ensure that such discrimination does not take place. This order applies to all state and local agencies which receive federal funds, including all City of Lakota divisions receiving federal grant funds.

PLAN SUMMARY

The City of Lakota has developed this *Limited English Proficiency Plan* to help identify reasonable steps for providing language assistance to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) who wish to access services provided. As defined Executive Order 13166, LEP persons are those who do not speak English as their primary language and have limited ability to read, speak, write or understand English. This plan outlines how to identify a person who may need language assistance, the ways in which assistance may be provided, staff training that may be required, and how to notify LEP persons that assistance is available.

In order to prepare this plan, the City of Lakota used the four-factor LEP analysis which considers the following factors:

1. The number or proportion of LEP persons in the service area who may be served by the City of Lakota.
2. The frequency with which LEP persons come in contact with City of Lakota services.
3. The nature and importance of services provided by the City of Lakota to the LEP population.
4. The interpretation services available to the City of Lakota and overall cost to provide LEP assistance. A summary of the results of the four-factor analysis is in the following section.

MEANINGFUL ACCESS: FOUR-FACTOR ANALYSIS

The number or proportion of LEP persons in the service area who may be served or are likely to require City of Lakota services:

The City of Lakota staff reviewed the US Census Bureau's 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates for Lakota, ND and determined that 26 households in Lakota, 9.5% of the population, speak a language other than English. Of those, 0 households have limited English proficiency; that is, they speak English less than "very well" or "not at all." This is 0% of the overall population in Lakota. In Lakota, of those with limited English proficiency, 0% speak Spanish, 0% speak Other Indo-European Languages, 0% speak Asian and Pacific Island languages, and 0% speak all other languages.

The frequency with which LEP persons come in contact with City of Lakota services:

The City of Lakota staff reviewed the frequency with which their staff have, or could have, contact with LEP persons. This includes documenting phone inquiries or office visits. To date, the City of Lakota has had no requests for interpreters and no requests for translated program documents. The City of Lakota's staff have had very little contact with LEP persons.

The nature and importance of services provided by the City of Lakota to the LEP population:

There is no large geographic concentration of any type of LEP households in the service area for the City of Lakota. The overwhelming majority of the population, 100%, speak only English. As a result, there are few social, service, or professional and leadership organizations within the City of Lakota service area that focus on outreach to LEP households. The City of Lakota staff are most likely to encounter LEP households through office visits, phone conversations, notifications from department staff of impacts on service area services and attendance at meetings.

The resources available to the City of Lakota, and overall costs to provide LEP assistance:

The City of Lakota reviewed its available resources that could be used for providing LEP assistance and which of its documents would be most valuable to be translated if the need should arise. Language translation, if needed, would be provided through bilingual staff or a telephone interpreter line for which the City of Lakota would pay a fee.

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

A person who does not speak English as their primary language and who has a limited ability to read, write, speak or understand English may be a Limited English Proficient person and may be entitled to language assistance with respect to City of Lakota services. Language assistance can include interpretation, which means oral or spoken transfer of a message from one language into another language and/or translation, which means the written transfer of a message from one language into another language.

How the City of Lakota staff may identify an LEP person who needs language assistance:

- Post notice of LEP Plan and the availability of interpretation or translation services free of charge in languages LEP persons would understand.
- All City of Lakota staff will be provided with language identification cards to assist in identifying the language interpretation needed if the occasion arises.
- All City of Lakota staff will be informally surveyed periodically on their experience concerning any contacts with LEP persons during the previous year.
- When the City of Lakota sponsors an informational meeting or event, a staff person may greet participants as they arrive. By informally engaging participants in conversation it is possible to gauge each attendee's ability to speak and understand English. Although translation may not be able to be provided at the event it will help identify the need for future events.

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE MEASURES:

Although there is a very low percentage of LEP households in the City of Lakota service area, that is, persons who speak English less than "very well" or "not at all", it will strive to offer the following measures:

1. The City of Lakota staff will take reasonable steps to provide the opportunity for meaningful access to LEP clients who have difficulty communicating English.
2. The following resources will be available to accommodate LEP persons:
 - Language interpretation will be accessed for all languages through a telephone interpretation service.

STAFF TRAINING

The following training will be provided to all staff:

- Information on the Title VI Policy and LEP responsibilities.
- Description of language assistance services offered to the public.
- Use of interpreter service provider's language identification cards.
- Documentation of language assistance requests.

- How to handle a potential Title VI/LEP complaint.

All contractors or subcontractors performing work for the City of Lakota will be required to follow the Title VI/LEP guidelines.

TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENTS

The City of Lakota weighed the cost and benefits of translating documents for potential LEP groups. Considering the expense of translating the documents, the likelihood of frequent changes in documents and other relevant factors, at this time it is an unnecessary burden to have any documents translated.

Due to the very small local LEP population, the City of Lakota does not have a formal outreach procedure in place, as of 2019. Translation resources have been identified and are limited in this region. However, when and if the need arises for LEP outreach, the City of Lakota will consider the following options:

- When staff prepares a document, or schedules a meeting, for which the target audience is expected to include LEPs, then documents, meeting notices, flyers, and agendas will be printed in an alternative language based on the known LEP population.
- The City of Lakota will assess requests for translation of documents based on the possible impacts and known LEP population.

MONITORING

Monitoring and Updating the LEP Plan -The City of Lakota will update the LEP Plan as required. At a minimum, the plan will be reviewed and updated when data from the 2020 U.S. Census is available, or when it is clear that higher concentrations of LEP individuals are present in the City of Lakota service area. Updates will include the following:

- The number of documented LEP person contacts encountered annually.
- How the needs of LEP persons have been addressed.
- Determination of the current LEP population in the service area.
- Determination as to whether the need for translation services has changed.
- Determine whether local language assistance programs have been effective and sufficient to meet the need.
- Determine whether the City of Lakota financial resources are sufficient to fund language assistance resources needed.
- Determine whether the City of Lakota fully complies with the goals of this LEP Plan.
- Determine whether complaints have been received concerning the agency's failure to meet the needs of LEP individuals.

DISSEMINATION OF THE City of Lakota PLAN

- Post on the City of Lakota website the LEP Plan and how to access language services.

City of Lakota



Amie Vasichok, City Auditor

7/13/23
Date

City of Lakota

TITLE VI COMPLAINT PROCESS

A. Scope of Title VI Complaints

The scope of Title VI covers all external City of Lakota activities. Adverse impacts resulting in Title VI complaints can arise from many sources, including advertising, bidding, and contracts.

Complaints can originate from individuals or firms alleging inability to bid upon or obtain a contract with the Recipient for the furnishing of goods and/or services. Examples include advertising for bid proposals; prequalification or qualification; bid proposals and awards; selection of contractors, subcontractors, material and equipment suppliers, lessors, vendors, consultants, fee appraisers, universities, etc., or the allocation of funding.

Complaints can originate as a result of project impacts on individuals or groups. For example, social and economic, traffic, noise, air quality, access, accidents, and failure to maintain facilities.

B. Formal Title VI Complaint Procedure

The Recipient's Title VI Policy assures that no person or groups of persons shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or income status, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs, services, or activities administered by the Recipient, its recipients, subrecipients, and contractors. In addition, Executive Order 12898 (Environmental Justice) prohibits discrimination based on income status and Executive Order 13166 prohibits discrimination based Limited English Proficiency (LEP).

The Recipient uses the following detailed, internal procedures for prompt processing of all Title VI complaints received directly by any program having responsibilities under Title VI. These procedures include but are not limited to:

1. Any person or groups of persons who believe they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI may individually, or through a legally authorized representative, make and sign a complaint and file the complaint with the City of Lakota Title VI Coordinator. Allegations received do not have to use the key words "complaint," "civil rights," "discrimination," or their near equivalents. It is sufficient if such allegations imply any form of unequal treatment in one or more of the Recipient's programs for it to be considered and processed as an allegation of a discriminatory practice.
2. The complaint must be filed, in writing, no later than 180 calendar days after the date of the alleged discrimination. The Recipient's Title VI Complaint Form must be used.
3. The complaint may also be filed with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE (S-33), Washington, D.C. 20590. The complaint must be filed, in writing, no later than 180 calendar days after the date of the alleged discrimination, unless the time for filing is extended by the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation.

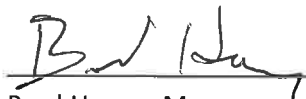
4. Upon receipt of a formal Title VI complaint, the Title VI Coordinator immediately forwards the complaint to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Division Office. Then informs the Recipient's Executive Director and legal counsel.
 - a) Title VI complaints filed against the Recipient are referred to the FHWA Division Office for processing.
 - b) Title VI complaints are immediately forwarded to the FHWA Division Office for processing.
 - c) The FHWA Headquarters Office of Civil Rights makes the final agency decision.

Title VI complaints filed against the Recipient, recipients and subrecipients (e.g., contractors, subcontractors, material and equipment suppliers, lessors, vendors, consultants, fee appraisers, universities, etc.) are processed in accordance with the FHWA approved complaint procedures as required under 23 Code of Federal Regulations Part 200.

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/civilrights/programs/finalcomplaintmanual110410.cfm>

C. Informal Title VI Complaint Procedure.

- a. Title VI complaints may be resolved by informal means. When informal means are used, the complainant is informed of his or her right to file a formal written complaint.
- b. Such informal attempts and their results are Title IV Coordinator.
- c. Any complaint received in writing is considered to be a formal complaint and is handled under the formal complaint procedure outlined above.
- d. The Title VI Coordinator periodically informs the FHWA Division Office of the status of all complaints.
- e. When a complaint has been directly filed with another federal or state agency, the Title VI Coordinator is to be informed by the division where the complaint has been filed and is to coordinate any action needed by the Recipient to resolve the complaint.



Brad Hooley, Mayor



Date

TITLE VI COMPLAINT

City of Lakota

Name		Telephone Number	
Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Name of Person(s) That Discriminated Against You		Position (if known)	
Date of Incident	Location of Incident		
Address (if known)		City	State ZIP Code
Reason for Discrimination			
<input type="checkbox"/> Race <input type="checkbox"/> Age <input type="checkbox"/> Color <input type="checkbox"/> Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> National Origin <input type="checkbox"/> Retaliation <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify:			
Explain as briefly and clearly as possible what happened and how you were discriminated against. Indicate who was involved. Be sure to include how other persons were treated differently than you. Also, attach any written material pertaining to your case.			
Signature		Date	